

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 160 - SB 1580**

March 27, 2021

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the State Board of Education (SBE) to develop standards for an introduction to social health course. Requires the Department of Education (DOE) to develop guidelines and the framework for the social health based curriculum. Requires local education agencies (LEAs) to develop a nine-week introduction to social health course of instruction and require students in grades six through eight to enroll in the course. Requires the course to be taught by a teacher with an endorsement in family and consumer science education.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – \$23,100/FY21-22  
\$6,800/FY27-28 and Each Six Years Thereafter**

**Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$163,700/FY21-22\***

**Assumptions:**

- The proposed legislation requires the SBE to develop standards for an introduction to social health course.
- SBE will need to convene an advisory panel to develop the standards; it is assumed that the committee will consist of four members.
- It is assumed that the committee will meet for a two-day in person session; the members of the committee will be reimbursed a total of \$411 per member for travel (\$110), meals (\$61 x 2 day) and lodging (\$179).
- The total cost for lodging and travel and meals and incidentals is estimated to be \$1,644 (\$411 x 4).
- Each member will receive a stipend of \$3,000 for a total cost of \$12,000 (\$3,000 x 4).
- The committee chair will receive an extra stipend of \$1,500 due to the more time-consuming work of setting new standards.
- The standards development process will also require a public feedback survey; the survey and data analysis for one subject is estimated to have a one-time increase in expenditures of \$8,000 in FY21-22.
- The total one-time increase in expenditures is estimated to be \$23,144 (\$1,644 + \$1,500 + \$12,000 + \$8,000) in FY21-22.

- It is estimated that a standards review for the introduction to social health course will occur every six years and will have a recurring increase in expenditures of \$6,800 in FY27-28 and every six years thereafter.
- There are 306 middle schools in Tennessee and it is estimated that 42 middle schools currently have teachers that have an endorsement in family and consumer sciences; approximately 264 schools (306 - 42) will be required to get at least one teacher endorsed in family and consumer sciences.
- There are currently four education preparation providers in the state that offer an endorsement in family and consumer sciences; the length and cost of each program varies by institution.
- The amount of training required for such endorsement may vary from teacher to teacher.
- It is estimated that the average cost for a teacher to obtain this endorsement is estimated to be at least \$620 (\$500 training + \$120 exam); it is assumed that each middle school will pay for the cost incurred by teachers who get the endorsement.
- The one-time mandatory increase in local expenditures is estimated to exceed \$163,680 (264 x \$620) in FY 21-22.

*\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

## **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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